

**Heritage Commission Resolution  
Regarding  
“Landmark” Status of Amoskeag Mill Buildings and Sites**

Heritage Commission MOTION made by V. Perry and seconded by R. Pinard seeking approval of the following RESOLUTION:

1. WHEREAS Article 7.05(E)(2) of the City of Manchester Zoning Ordinance instructs the Heritage Commission to “*take into account the purposes*” of underlying land use Districts whenever they may have occasion to review a building or demolition permit application in the Amoskeag Millyard Historic District; and
2. WHEREAS Article 7.05(E)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance also requires the Heritage Commission to approve only those structures being proposed for demolition which have been determined not to be “*a contributing element to the qualities that make the Amoskeag Millyard Historic District a unique resource*”; and
3. WHEREAS Article 7.05(E)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance further obliges the Heritage Commission to approve for demolition only those buildings and structures whose “*loss. . . would not adversely affect the overall continuity or eliminate landmark elements in the Amoskeag Millyard Historic District*”; and
4. WHEREAS Article 4.01(B)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance declares that the purpose of the Amoskeag Millyard Historic District is to “*provide for the preservation of structures and areas of historic or architectural value in the Amoskeag Millyard,*” and
5. WHEREAS Article 4.01(B)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance also proclaims that “*the preservation of structures and areas of historic or architectural value in the Millyard is hereby declared to be a public purpose*”, and
6. WHEREAS Article 4.01(B)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance also declares that “*preventing the irretrievable loss of historic or architecturally significant buildings and their unique character is important to the economic well-being of the City, which will be strengthened by. . . preserving the Millyard’s architectural and historic setting. . .*”; and
7. WHEREAS historic preservation consultant Lisa Mausolf prepared for the City of Manchester in the year 2000 a professional study of the existing Amoskeag Millyard for the purpose of discovering and establishing the historic, architectural, engineering and archeological qualities of the spaces and structures therein, and
8. WHEREAS Ms. Mausolf developed a New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Area Form in conjunction with the above cited professional study for the purpose of determining whether the existing elements of the historic Millyard complex were significant enough, and maintained enough integrity, to be deemed eligible, as a district, for entry into both the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places; and

References to Zoning Ordinance

References to professional study of  
historic resources in Millyard

9. WHEREAS the Historical Resources Area Form prepared by Ms. Mausolf does expertly delineate the extent of, and does describe numerous historic, architectural, engineering and archeological qualities which are associated with the spaces and structures located within the boundary of the historic Amoskeag Millyard; and
10. WHEREAS the Historical Resources Area Form prepared by Ms. Mausolf does declare that *“The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company Millyard is significant under National Register Criteria . . . as one of the most important nineteenth and early twentieth century industrial complexes in the United States and an excellent example of the nation’s early industrial growth. . . . From its beginnings as an early utopian community through its later transformation into an international melting-pot, the millyard reflects the growth and decline of what was at one time the largest textile manufacturer in the world.”*; and
11. WHEREAS the Historical Resources Area Form prepared by Ms. Mausolf also contains a STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY with respect to the existing Amoskeag Millyard which declares that *“Taken together the millyard buildings continue to form a cohesive unit which represents a significant and distinguishable entity. Although the industrial setting which once characterized the millyard has been diminished, the individual resources in the millyard can still be understood and appreciated as integral elements in the overall industrial complex”*; and
12. WHEREAS the Historical Resources Area Form prepared by Ms. Mausolf also includes a listing of all buildings, sites and objects in the Millyard which were evaluated as part of her professional study and which also contains, for each listed item, an authoritative assessment indicating whether or not that building, site or object is a “contributing resource” in support of a potential nomination of the Amoskeag Millyard, as a district, to both the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places; and
13. WHEREAS the Historical Resources Area Form prepared by Ms. Mausolf also includes a map showing the location of, as well as a notation indicating each resource’s “contributing” or “noncontributing” status for, each of the buildings, sites and objects listed in the Area Form; and
14. WHEREAS the documentation included in the above cited Historical Resources Area Form for the Amoskeag Millyard has been reviewed and examined by the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources’ Determination of Eligibility Committee and found to be eligible as a district for both the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Places; and
15. WHEREAS a one mile length of Commercial Street which runs through the heart of the Amoskeag Millyard on the east side of the Merrimack River has been accepted by the City of Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen as a locally recognized “Scenic and Cultural Byway” and that this local Byway has subsequently been accepted into the state Scenic and Cultural Byway program in recognition of the numerous historic, architectural, archeological, cultural and natural resource qualities which have long existed or been established in the immediate environs of Commercial Street in the Millyard area; and

16. WHEREAS the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances, at section 32.121, states that the purpose of the Heritage Commission “*shall be to insure the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, primarily manmade, that are valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural context*” ;

17. Now, THEREFORE,

MINDFUL of the above cited organizational purposes for which the Commission was created and

IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION of the expert and authoritative findings contained in the above cited Amoskeag Millyard Historical Resources Area Form, and also

IN ACCEPTANCE AND PURSUANCE of the City’s above cited municipal historic preservation policies, the City of Manchester Heritage Commission HEREBY RESOLVES upon the following:

THAT THE BUILDINGS AND SITES WHICH ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING “CONTRIBUTORY” STRUCTURES AND SITES IN THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES AREA FORM PREPARED BY MS. MAUSOLF AND SEEN ON THE MAP CONTAINED THEREIN ARE HEREAFTER CONSIDERED BY THE CITY OF MANCHESTER HERITAGE COMMISSION TO BE OF HISTORIC “LANDMARK” QUALITY AND STATUS AND, FURTHERMORE,

THAT THE HERITAGE COMMISSION’S RECOGNITION OF THE LANDMARK STATUS OF THESE BUILDINGS AND SITES SHALL APPLY WHENEVER THE COMMISSION MAY HAVE OCCASION TO CONSIDER AND APPLY THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7.05(E)(2.B) & (2.C) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER.

## List of Landmark Buildings, Structures and Sites as designated by the City of Manchester Heritage Commission

I.D. No. on Map	Name of "Landmark" Designated Resource	Address (where applicable)	Date of Construction	Landmark Building, Structure or Site
<b>NORTHERN DIVISION</b>				
1	Hydroelectric Station		1924	Building
2	Dam		1921	Structure
3	Former Arch/Wing Dam		1871	Structure
4	Former Dam		1837-40?	Structure
5	Blodget Canal Remnants		by 1807	Structure
6	Head & Flood Gate House		c. 1840 / c.1922	Building
7	Ice Weir		c.1840	Structure
8	Red Gate House		1909	Building
9	North Division Powerhouse		1909 / 1937	Building
10	Bridge Abutments		1909	Site
11	Stone Walls, Island		1921	Structure
12	Jefferson Mill	670 Commercial Street	1886	Building
13	Boiler House		1886	Building
14	Cotton Store House		1887	Site
15	Langdon Mill No. 2	155 Dow Street	1868	Building
16	Amory Mill (Mill No. 3, Northern Division)	150 Dow Street	1880 / 1892	Building
17	New Bag Mill (Mill No. 4, Northern Division)	540 Commercial Street	1915	Building
18	Stark Mills Picker House (Mill No. 5 Northern Division)	500 Commercial Street	1881	Building
<b>CENTRAL DIVISION</b>				
19	Machine Shop Buildings	400 Commercial Street	1880-01, 1890	Building
20	Bridge Abutments		1882 / 1896	Site
22	Stark Mills No. 1 & No. 2	400 Bedford Street	1838 / 1839	Building
24	Amoskeag Mill No. 8 (Central Division) (Gingham Mill)	340 Commercial Street	1874	Building
25	Amoskeag Mill No. 7 (Central Division) (Gingham Mill)	324 Commercial Street	1869	Building
26	New Dye House (Old Blue Dye)	286 Commercial Street	1868	Building
27	Amoskeag New Mills No. 1, No. 2 & No. 6	300 Bedford Street	1840 / 1860	Building
28	Amoskeag Mill No. 3	200 Bedford Street	1870	Building
29	Amoskeag Mill No. 5 (Waumbec)	250 Commercial Street	1899	Building
30	Bridge Abutments		1870-1 / 1896	Site
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION</b>				
31	Manchester Mills No. 2 (Pandora Sweaters)	Commercial Street	1850 / c.1870	Building
32	Manchester Mills No. 3 (Seal Tanning)		1880	Building
33	Manchester Mills No. 5, south portion of (Seal Tanning)		1889	Building
34	Manchester Mills No. 7, part (west wing of Manchester Print Works)	50 Phillippe Cote Street	1853 / c.1890	Building
36	Amoskeag Mill No. 10 (Southern Division)	55 S. Commercial Street	1901	Building
<b>WEST SIDE</b>				
38	Coolidge Mill	345 McGregor Street	1909	Building
39	Cotton Storehouses		1912-1915	Building
40	International Cotton Mills Corporation Storehouse		1919	Building
41	Stark Mills Cotton Storehouse		1895	Building
42	Valve House		c.1890	Building
44	Amoskeag Mill #11	195 McGregor Street	1889 / 1891	Building
45	Amoskeag Mill #11 Annex (Cloth Room)		1891	Building
46	Pattern House	333 Allard Drive	1887	Building
47	Iron Post, Picket & Rail Fence	McGregor, Main & Bridge Streets	1894	Structure

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>Landmark Buildings</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Landmark Structures</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Landmark Sites</b>	<b>4</b>